

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
September 7, 2016, 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

***Peter Ardito started the meeting at 7:38 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2016 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.***

Roll Call:	Peter Ardito-present	Cindy Kennedy-present
	Mary Ann Schran-present	Laura Fitzgerald-absent
	Anne Lander-absent	Theresa Hazelton-present
	Joannie Turner-present	

**Minutes of August 3, 2016** Cindy moved to approve, second Mary Ann. All in favor. Carried.

**Green Team Portion of Meeting** Dr. Schran presented the Green Team 2015 summary, and it was approved. Mary Ann voiced a desire to do more work at the school. Theresa suggested working through the Mayor and Council. Peter suggested a poster project at school. The GT theme for the year will be increased recycling. Mary Ann suggested a multi-town meeting. Peter suggested that every town event include a plug for the environment. The Sustainable Jersey application requires more work. It may possibly be submitted on 9/11.

### **Town Day**

- wood bowl, silent auction (cannot raffle without permit)
- 2017 HP Calendar, \$35
- cookies/lemonade/apples
- bee information poster
- who does what/cash/anything else

We cannot do a raffle for the bowl; we will hold a silent auction. We have 20 calendars. The Green Team will sell for \$35 each. Peter will sell lemonade (\$4); Theresa cookies (\$5); Theresa terrariums; Peter will make a bee information poster; Cindy created a sign; maybe someone will pick up apples; Cindy will bring a cash bucket for donations; the composter will need to come out of the fieldhouse and will sell for \$53; Cindy will bring an easel; setup is at 11:00; wear green; Theresa will bring tablecloths; Cindy will send cash.

### **Eagle Scout**

-bee hive project. Chris Jost is interested in pursuing this project and will come to the next meeting.

**Town Cleanup Date (11/5)** Swim Club 9 to 1 and adults along Lafayette Avenue. The rain date is 11/6.

**Tree Farm** Cindy visited 2 weeks ago; it is very overgrown. She cleaned it; trees are in buckets; several are dying or dead. Maybe some can be put along the side of Columbus field. Maybe dogwoods at Highland? Ken's tree care will charge \$300 to grind down stumps. The GT could buy drip bags and protective fencing. Cindy moved to resolve that T-Mobile money be used to move selected trees to Columbus and Highland and to buy drip bags and bark protectors, second Mary Ann.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Peter Ardito-yes	Joanie Turner-yes
Mary Ann Schran-yes	Cindy Kennedy-yes
Theresa Hazelton-yes	

Carried. Marti will write up and submit to Ann Bistriz.

Cindy suggested planting milkweed near the fence at the tree farm. Peter and Cindy discussed moving the bee hive location to the tree farm; however, the ANJEC grant is specific to Columbus field. NB: Christ Jost wants to work on the beehive. He would clear and put down chips, add netting, and information kiosk. Possibly also benches and a native species garden. The EC is not sure a bench is a good idea near bees.

Ann B mentioned that a cub scout leader is looking for a project. Maybe replacing logs along Beechwood path?

The Riverkeeper is having a dinner at Florentine Gardens on 10/6 in honor of Ray Cywinski. Tickets are \$125/person.

**Treasury Report:** As of 5/31/16

Environmental Commission Green Team account balance is 833.19  
T-Mobile Tree Escrow is 7089.01  
Bergen County Mini Grant is 1200.00

Regular Operating Budget is 100.00

**Old Business** (path in green space near Eastbrook?) Will be put on 10/5 agenda.

**New Business** -Should the EC support the banning of stores selling dogs/cats in HP? Peter will suggest an ordinance against puppy mills. The EC agreed.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting 10/5/16**